# 1. INTRODUCTION

## 1.1. The Language

Otuho is spoken in the Eastern Equatoria Region of southern Sudan, by approximately 100,000 people. It is a member of the North-Eastern group of Nilotic languages, a branch of the Eastern Sudanic language family. The area in which the central dialect is spoken is, from the viewpoint of the Lotuho, in the plains between the Lopit Mountain Range in the east, the Lomohidan Range in the south and the Imaton Range in the West. The main town in the area is Torit.

According to the people, who refer to themselves as the Lotuho, the correct name for the language is Otuho. Much of the earlier literature refers to the language as Lotuho or Latuka or Lotuko.

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